

October 25, 2010

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; Aaron Burke – Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates; Charles Martin; David and Judy Whitten; Nancy Sexton; Larry Williams; John Taylor – Ex. Dir. PCEDP; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairwoman.

Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Bookkeeper Bennett.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; Aaron Burke – Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates; Charles Martin; David and Judy Whitten; Nancy Sexton; Larry Williams; John Taylor – Ex. Dir. PCEDP; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Hoehn moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street/Light Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.

Comm. Maynard stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Chief Waters was not present.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins reported a very nice dedication at the Sewer Plant last Thursday for Carlton Lane, in honor of long time city employee, Carlton "Tiny" Waller. She added there were many family members present, a very good turnout and quite the tribute.

Mayor Tucker stated Aaron Burke is here from BLA, who is doing the engineering on Phase 2 of the sewer project, of which the city received a \$6.5M grant.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Burke stated he would first like to congratulate the city on being award the grant, and BLA is very excited to be working with the city again on this project. He added the final design is completed and he met with Supt. Givens at the plant last week. He then stated bids will be advertized in mid-November, with a mandatory pre-bid meeting in December. He added if a contractor does not show up for the pre-bid meeting, they can not bid, no exceptions. Mr. Burke continued by stating the bid opening will be January 20, 2011, with a 90 day bid hold. He stated 2nd Street will be torn up from Mill Street to the plant for the installation of a 36" line along with two railroad tracks to cross, so there will be some driving hazards during construction. He concluded by stating traffic will also be disrupted on Hwy 69 at the plant.

Councilman Fuelling questioned construction at the plant itself – how disruptive will it be on a day to day basis ?

Mr. Burke replied they are required to maintain the city's permit limits during construction.

Councilwoman Higgins asked approximately how long the traffic will be disrupted ?

Mr. Burke replied approximately four months.

Supt. Gray asked if they will be taking up one full lane of 2nd Street ?

Mr. Burke replied yes.

Supt. Givens reported that he did indeed meet with BLA on Friday to discuss the design of the project. He added it is a good project but his concern is that they be able to maintain the limits on their permit, as IDEM is not lenient. He added he is sure BLA will work closely with everyone involved, though he is sure there will also be obstacles. He concluded by stating the project has to be done.

Mayor Tucker added part of this project is mandated and the clock is ticking. He agreed the city has good people working with them and hopefully the \$6.5M grant will lessen the impact on residents. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated the first item is a Resolution of Temporary Loan from COIT to MVHF in the amount of \$155,000.00. She reminded Council this is a temporary loan and must be paid back on or before December 31, 2010.

Councilwoman Hoehn moved the Resolution be passed. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 10-20.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the final reading for the 2011 budget, the Ordinance Establishing Appropriations and Tax Rates for the Year Ending December 31, 2011.

Councilman Curtis asked if after this is passed, does it then go to the State for review ?

Attorney Higgins replied yes and shortly after the beginning of the year, they will send Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman the Budget Order on what they have approved. She added the County Council has already done their non-binding review of the city's budget and she believes they are passing it on to the State with a favorable recommendation.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 10-21.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilwoman Higgins asked about the handicapped parking spaces they had discussed at the last meeting, at 118 W. 2nd Street. She wondered if Council got a chance to look at that or had any comments ?

Councilman Fuelling stated he sees no problem with the request.

Councilwoman Higgins asked that Attorney Higgins please proceed with that ordinance for the next meeting. She then stated the other thing they discussed at the last meeting was the parking situation on E. Lincoln, where the road really narrows. She added they have already done away with parking on the south side of the street, some folks do not sue their driveways, though they can not be forced to either.

Councilwoman Fuelling replied there are no good solutions. He added the north side residents mainly do use their driveways; if they made it one-way street that may solved the problem but then that would turn E. Lincoln into a freeway. There are just no good solutions.

Councilman Curtis stated there is a lot of traffic both directions on that street.

Councilman Fuelling agreed and added it is very narrow.

Councilman Curtis added there are also lots of kids in the area as well and they play in the street. If the street was widened, it would make it a very fast street.

Councilwoman Higgins stated she can let the folks know the Council has discussed it but there is no real solution at this time. She added they can keep an eye on it.

Mayor Tucker suggested someone canvass the residents in the area for their opinion.

Councilwoman Higgins stated she will look into exactly where the NO PARKING area is and they should probably just table this for now.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer